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SUBJECT: TFCH01: SITREP NO. 54, JUNE 16 1400

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
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2. SUMMARY: EC AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN CALLED INTO
THE MFA FOR A BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: PAUL F. GARDNER
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CHINA. THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (PD) ISSUED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL JUNE 16 CALLING ON ALL CHINESE PEOPLE TO SERIOUSLY STUDY DENG XIAOPING'S SPEECH. THE SPEECH STRESSED THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE PARTY AND REITERATED A COMMITMENT TO CHINA'S "OPEN-AND-REFORM" POLICY. ANTI-US, ANTI-VOA, AND ANTI-FANG-LIZHI RHETORIC HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE CHINESE MEDIA. THE CURRENT EMPHASIS CONTINUES TO BE THE "RETURN TO NORMAL" THEME, WITH CONTINUED USE OF FOREIGNERS TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITIES' CONTENTION THAT BEIJING IS SAFE FOR TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN. THE PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE (PAP) UNIFORMED PRESENCE AROUND THE EMBASSY'S THREE COMPOUNDS JUNE 16 WAS UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY. HOWEVER, PLAINCLOTHES PERSONNEL WERE BLATANTLY IN EVIDENCE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF ARRIVING IN A PAP VEHICLE TO CHANGE SHIFTS. END SUMMARY.

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3. ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRALIAN DCM, THE EC AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN CALLED IN FOR SEPARATE "BRIEFINGS" ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES' EFFORT TO ENGAGE THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY. WESTERN EMBASSIES HAVE COMPLAINED TO US THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ARE USING THEIR CITIZENS IN THE "BACK TO NORMAL" CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN, AND THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BUSINESSMEN SENDING THE WRONG SIGNAL BY COMING BACK TO BEIJING TOO SOON. A GERMAN BUSINESSMAN WHO SAID THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL THAT THE AIRPORT HAD BEEN KEPT OPEN WAS QUOTED TO THE EFFECT THAT HE THANKED THE MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES FOR MAINTAINING SOCIAL ORDER.

4. PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL: LEARN YOUR LINES

THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (PD) ISSUED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL JUNE 16 CALLING ON ALL CHINESE PEOPLE TO SERIOUSLY STUDY DENG XIAOPING'S SPEECH. THE OFFICIAL XINHUA NEWS SERVICE CARRIED A JUNE 16 SUMMARY OF THE PD EDITORIAL, STATING THAT "CHINA SHOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE CENTER AND TWO BASIC POINTS" PRESENTED IN DENG'S SPEECH. ACCORDING TO XINHUA, "THE ONE CENTER MEANS THE WHOLE PARTY AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE SHOULD CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR MODERNIZING THE COUNTRY. AS TO THE TWO BASIC POINTS, ONE SIGNIFIES ADHERENCE TO THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES -- NAMELY THE LEADING ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE SOCIALIST ROAD, THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC DICTATORSHIP AND MARXISM-LENINISM AND MAO ZEDONG THOUGHT. THE OTHER

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(POINT) SIGNIFIES ADHERING TO THE "OPEN-AND-REFORM"
POLICY." (SEE SEPTTEL FOR MORE ON THIS IMPORTANT PD
EDITORIAL.)

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5. MEDIA FOCUS ON THE PURPORTED RETURN TO NORMAL:
CONTINUED USE OF FOREIGNERS

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6. EMBASSY SECURITY SITUATION : PLAINCLOTHES
PERSONNEL MORE OBVIOUS

THE PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE (PAP) UNIFORMED PRESENCE AROUND THE EMBASSY'S THREE COMPOUNDS JUNE 16 WAS UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY. HOWEVER, PLAINCLOTHES PERSONNEL WERE BLATANTLY IN EVIDENCE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF ARRIVING IN A PAP VEHICLE TO CHANGE SHIFTS.

7. AS CHENGDU REPORTED, THE WESTERN PRESS REPORT OF THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN CHENGDU WAS INCORRECT.

8. A POINT FOR THE RECORD: SANLITUN'S
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"BANGONGLOU," THE APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH IS HOME TO THE THE AMBASSADOR (WHILE THE RESIDENCE IS BEING RENOVATED) AND THE ECONOMICS COUNSELOR, BOTH ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, RECEIVED FIRE FROM CHINESE ARMY TROOPS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, THE SAME DAY THE JIANGUOMENWAI COMPOUND WAS FIRED UPON. THE AMBASSADOR LEARNED FROM HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IN THE BUILDING THAT THE FOURTH AND SIXTH FLOORS OF THE BUILDING BOTH RECEIVED FIRE.

9. MINIMIZES CONSIDERED. LILLEY

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